

Remarks**Introduction**

With this paper, Applicants seek to add claims 21-29 which cover a method

- 5 of pre-installing a first roof boundary clip to a first blocking member and
making a roof boundary connection.

Claims 1-20 remain pending in the application.

10 Amendments to the Claims

Applicants respectfully request amendment of the claims by the addition of claims 21-29, which cover a method of pre-installing a first roof boundary clip to a first blocking member and making a roof boundary connection without reference to indexing tabs.

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New Claim 21 calls for "a method of pre-installing a first roof boundary clip to a first blocking member and making a roof boundary connection." Pre-installation of the roof boundary clip to blocking members is described at page 3, lines 9-19. The steps of selecting a first blocking member, selecting

- 20 a first clip and selecting a wall in new Claim 21 are inherent in both the connection of original Claim 1 and the methods of original Claims 6 and 7. The first clip of new Claim 21 comprises the body of the clip as claimed in original Claim 1, the plurality of nail prongs as claimed in original Claims 4, 16 and 18, and the plurality of fastener openings as claimed in original Claims
- 25 13 and 15, except that original Claims 13 and 15 do not specify that the plurality of fastener openings is in the base portion of the body of the clip.

At page 7, lines 7-9, the description states that there are fastener openings in the base portion, and this is shown in drawing Figures 11-18. The method of making a roof boundary connection in new Claim 21 is essentially

the same as the methods claimed in original Claims 6 and 7, except that reference to indexing tabs is omitted. Also, new claim 21 claims attachment of the clip to both the inner and outer sides of the first blocking member, of which the former is claimed in original Claim 6 and the latter in original Claim

5 7. The limitation of new Claim 21 that calls for "simultaneously driving substantially all of said plurality of nail prongs into said one of said inner side and said outer side of said first blocking member to attach said clip to said first blocking member" is implicit in the use of "the same hydraulic presses that are used to assemble trusses with nail prong plates" to "pre-install connectors on blocking members at their factory." (page 3, lines 11-13) The limitations of new Claims 22, 24, 26, 27, 28 and 29 parallel original Claims 2, 3, 11, 12, 14 and 15, respectively. New Claim 23 calls for the plurality of fasteners separate from the clip to be masonry screws, and masonry screws are claimed in original Claims 16 and 17. New Claim 25 calls for the plurality of fasteners separate from the clip to be nails, and nails are claimed 10 in original claims 18 and 19.

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No new matter is added by claims 21-29.

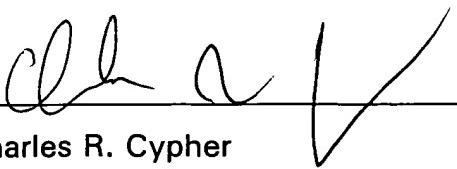
20 **Conclusion**

Examination is requested and allowance of the claims at an early date is solicited.

Applicants' attorney would be happy to answer any questions the examiner 25 may have regarding this application by phone at 510 832 4111.

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